

ARKANSAS CHALK BEDS.

Interesting Result of an Investigation by a United States Geologist.

The chalk and chalk-marl deposits of Southwest Arkansas, said Mr. Joseph A. Taff, in part III of the twenty-second annual report of the United States Geological Survey, now in press were described by Mr. Robert T. Hill in the annual report of the geological survey of Arkansas for 1888, in which volume Dr. J. C. Branner, then state geologist of Arkansas, briefly described the manufacture of Portland cement and showed that the chalk deposits compared favorably with the best English chalk as Portland cement materials. The publications of the Arkansas survey called attention to these chalk deposits and as a result an extensive Portland cement plant was established at Whitecliffs. This development caused greater interest in the Arkansas chalk deposits, creating further demand for information.

The chalk deposits of Southwestern Arkansas occur in a low rolling plain from the vicinity of Rocky Comfort, about fifty miles from the state line, northeastward toward Arkadelphia. It is the northeastward part of the great chalk formation which extends from Central Texas into Arkansas. The purer chalk outcrops in three separate areas, (1) at Rocky Comfort, in Little River county; (2), Whitecliffs, in Little River and Sevier counties, and (3), eastward from Saline Landing, in Howard and Hempstead counties. The chalk in these areas belong to the same formation and are separated by later deposits of gravel and sand.

The pure chalk formation has a variable thickness from more than 100 feet in the western part of the area to thin deposits in the eastern part. It occurs in the midst of fine cherty and clay marls into which it grades with gradual change. Throughout its occurrence it is well exposed and suitably located for exploitation. The Rocky Comfort chalk lies within one mile of the Arkansas and Choctaw railroad, which extends westward from the main line of the Kansas City Southern at Ashdown. The Whitecliffs chalk outcrops in cliffs and bluffs above Little River, where it is well and conveniently exposed for use in the manufacture of cement near the cement works. A branch road connects the Whitecliffs deposits with the main line of the Kansas City Southern railroad at Wilton. The Saline Landing area lies between the Arkansas and Louisiana and West Saline river, and ten miles from the main line of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad. The chalk at Saline Landing is at the head of navigation for small steamers on the Saline river, and is separated from the chalk at Whitecliffs by a space of about four and a half miles.

Lying above the pure chalk formation of the Whitecliffs formation and separated from it by nearly 200 feet of marls, there is a formation of chalk-marls known as the Saratoga chalk-marls. This formation occurs in three separate areas, one extending from the vicinity of Saline Landing northwestward and beyond Washington, another in the region of Okolona, and a third in the Deciper creek valleys near Arkadelphia. This chalk-marl formation resembles closely the lower and more sandy portion of the Whitecliffs chalk. This formation continues throughout its known occurrence with little variation in thickness of about forty feet.

Mr. Taff's report discusses briefly the nature of the Arkansas and Portland cements and their methods of manufacture, giving analyses of both natural and Portland cements, also of the various chalks, marls and clays in the Arkansas region which show that a considerable part of the chalk deposits in Arkansas approach very closely in composition to natural and Portland cement ingredients. It has been utilized in private and in the eastern part of the United States. A large part of the chalk, however, is shown to rival the purest chalks in England which have been used in the manufacture of the highest grades of Portland cement. To the pure chalk for Portland cement, it is necessary to add clays or marls carrying a large percentage of clay. Clays of the very best grade are found in the territory deposit lying immediately south of this region and further east along the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad toward Little Rock. The fine textured marls which occur here associated with the chalks are shown by their analysis to contain clays adequate when mixed with the chalk to produce a proper combination for a high grade of Portland cement. It is evident that there is sufficient chalk and marl in the Arkansas region to produce an unlimited amount of Portland cement.

The newest Portland cement manufacturing occurs in North Texas and Kansas, leaving the whole region of Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Arkansas, a large part of Louisiana, and other Southern states east of the Mississippi, which could be supplied with little competition by the Arkansas cements. Transportation north and south is direct by the Kansas City Southern, northeast and southeast by the St. Louis & Iron Mountain, and east and west by the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf and the Memphis & Choctaw railroads.

"Wain" is suggested by the London Globe as a name for the automobile, is motor car, the word adopted in England, is too cumbersome. The compounds would then be "oil-wain" or "smell-wain" for the petroleum motor; "steam-wain" or "puff-wain" for the steam motor, and "spark-wain" for the electric motor.

The five buildings of the C. K. Williams Paint Company, of Easton, Pa., were destroyed by fire Sunday morning. Loss, \$100,000; insurance small.

Troops A and B, Eighth cavalry, have been ordered to take station at Fort Sill, and will march overland from Fort Reno. Two companies of the Twenty-second infantry have arrived at Fort Reno, and two companies of the Twenty-fifth infantry (colored) will arrive at the post this week.

By reason of a strike and a lack of water with which to make ice, the Chicago ice trust has been forced to raise the price of ice to consumers.

MICROBES AND THEIR WAYS.

Some of them make vigorous war on the other.

The more we become acquainted with the gentle microbe the more we realize that it is, indeed, a creature of circumstances, and the latter are entirely determined by the microbe we are entitled to regard dyspepsia as a disease worthy of due respect, and an unexpected development of eczema would draw our attention from the dyspepsia we justly feel we are the sport of microbes. But this game of see-saw was the actual experience of a New York woman, says the Baltimore Sun.

Dyspepsia had played such havoc with its victim that the medical man despaired of her reason. One day, however, an unexpected development of eczema had the gratifying but unlooked-for effect of quelling the dyspepsia, and the patient for the first time in ten years ate a good dinner with real enjoyment. The removal of the eczema, however, was the signal for the return of the dyspepsia and vice versa and thus the patient was alternately afflicted.

It is confidently stated that when cholera and dyspepsia play a see-saw the latter gets tumbled on the plank, so to speak. A man in London was so afflicted with dyspepsia that he had to give up his business. When cholera was prevalent at two or three continental ports, notably Hamburg, this gentleman was returning from the continent and he had the misfortune to be seized with the disease. He was lucky enough, however, to get over the attack, and he has since found to his great satisfaction that his dyspepsia has fallen off the see-saw and troubles him no more.

Quinsy is a distressing and dangerous complaint and the patient feels that he has endured quite enough without the addition of gout. In one case, however, the gout proved a blessing in disguise. A gentleman in South Kensington was down with quinsy and suffered severely. The development of gout in his toe, however, seemed to fill his cup to the brim. But the advent of the gout meant the exit of quinsy. The gentleman's wife was down with quinsy at the same time, but the microbes did not play see-saw in her case, and she had to fight it out with quinsy.

So acceptable has this theory become that continental physicians have added the poisons of erysipelas and typhoid fever to their pharmacopoeia. Extreme care has to be taken, however, in the employment of these bacilli. The typhoid fever microbes will play see-saw with diabetes, to the destruction of the latter. It is contended that the typhoid microbe absorbs all the sugar.

There is an exhausting disease caused by the presence of too many white corpuscles in the blood. The introduction of the typhoid germ results in a most desperate game of see-saw, which may be better described as a battle to the death, for in the end both participants are numbered with the slain. The typhoid germs may, indeed, be considered a champion at his own game. A patient afflicted with rheumatism could have no better luck than to develop an attack of typhoid fever, for there have been instances without number where the rheumatism got entirely the worst of it. Typhoid is a case of consumption have also gone down before the typhoid microbe, and it may be that cancer may have to bow the knee in the near future.

An Indian army officer was sorely troubled with his liver and for years he was afflicted to such an extent that he practically became a living skeleton. He had an attack of typhoid fever, which, it was thought, would prove fatal. But he got over it, and to his joy found that his liver was once more in right. Erysipelas, St. Vitus' dance, dropsy and consumption have also been beaten at the see-saw game by the typhoid microbe.

Seeing that eczema has beaten dyspepsia, and erysipelas beaten eczema, and typhoid has taken down erysipelas, on form typhoid should be the champion see-saw player. But he is too dangerous to play with and until we find some means of rendering him harmless it would not be safe to enter him for the championship.

Has Her Name Patented

The headship of a family has become an issue; it exists as a fact today, quite independent of our long-cherished national antipathy to anything savouring of social inequality.

We are not quite ready, indeed, to place a law of primogeniture upon our statute books, but that matters little, so long as a man retains the right to dispose of his property as he deems best. And it is upon a property basis that the distinction necessarily rests, in default of any hereditary honors outside of a church vestry election.

The multi-millionaire (what a ludicrous phrase!) has only to endow the eldest son or the favorite son with the bulk of the family fortune and the thing is done; forthwith Mr. Robinson Jones becomes Mr. Jones par excellence and he proceeds to emphasize the distinction on his visiting cards—he is THE Mr. Jones, and all others will please take notice. It follows, as a matter of course, that Mrs. Robinson Jones becomes Mrs. Jones, and it is just here where the trouble begins; there are some of us who can remember the martial law which prevailed for a whole season at a certain summer colony in consequence of a disagreement on this very question between a distinguished dowager and her laughter-in-law.

More than that, the name, being a piece of property, can be legally bequeathed, like family plate or old lacet and remains in force for the full term of any copyright—forty-two years, to be exact.

One cannot but admire this brilliant piece of social strategy, and it should meet with the success it merits. What an idea! How simple, how ingenious! And nobody ever thought of it before, not even the "Only Original Cohen!"—Harper's Weekly.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg announces that the announcement of the truce is expected in September.

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The President of a certain big Oil Company is said to be worth \$300,000,000. A tidy bit of money and no mistake. And yet he isn't happy. In an address to a Bible class he spoke of trials and troubles of the rich and the loads they have to carry. A young lady whispered to a friend that he might wear a Benson's Porous Plaster on his back, or better still, divide the money among the members of the class. I don't know why her idea about the plaster makes me want to laugh, but it does. All the same I have seen plenty of people laugh after putting Benson's Plasters on their backs or chests, or on any other spot where there was weight, heaviness, weakness or pain. It may be the sharp stabs of neuralgia, the aches and wrenches of rheumatism; it may be colds in muscles or bones; it may be those kidney or lumbar throbs that make you yell as at a dog bite; or it may be a strain or cramp, anything that wants quieting and comforting. Don't bother with salves, liniments, lotions, etc., or with any of the stupid and useless old style plasters. Clap on a Benson's. It relieves at once and cures quickly. It stops the pain and makes you laugh for the very ease and good feeling of it. But watch out against imitations and substitutes. All genuine, or we will prepare postage on any number ordered in the United States on receipt of 25c. each.

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There is one explanation of why a mayor is called a mayor. Long ago in England every year about midnight on the first of May boys and girls of each village used to go in one long procession to the nearby woods. On their way they blew horns and sang many merry Maying songs. In the woods some of them cut a long May pole, a tall, slender, supple tree. Others gathered flowers as many as they could carry. Then, laden with flowers and bearing the May pole, in state they came back to the village about daybreak. The May pole, festooned with flowers on the tip, was planted in the village green. The doors and windows of the village cottages were decked with flowers and every one prepared for a gala day. About the green by booths were built, where food was served. Every one was dressed in the gayest clothes and wore flowers. There were bonfires and processions and dances and stage plays. A May queen and often a king was chosen to be master and mistress of the ceremonies and the fun lasted till midnight and often was continued the next day and the next, until six days were consumed in merry-making.

But you say what has all this to do with the mayor. Just this: The May pole was left standing on the green all the year and was the standard of justice. Here the people brought their governors and barons and even kings who had acted unjustly and deposed them and disgraced them at the May pole. Here the worthy governor, or just ruler, was given lawful power and was called the mayor; you see it is but a short cut from May to mayor.

One of the funny customs on May day was that of the Morris dances. There were eight of these dances, who wore white suits, with strings of bells fastened round their knees to make music as they danced. With the Morris dancers were also a fiddler, a clown, a quire and a sword bearer. The sword bearer carried a sword decorated with ribbons and also a large cake in a round tin. He cut slices from the cake to give to the bystanders. This cake was supposed to bring good luck to those who had it and many dreamed on it just as girls dream on wedding cake now-a-days.

On this same May day the milkmaids used to dance with their milk pails on their heads. And the chimney sweeps also had their dances and many of the young men were dressed in hunting green the represent Robin Hood's merry men. With the chimney sweeps was usually a jack-in-the-green. A light hollow frame of wood or wicker was made in the form of a chocolate drop, open at the bottom and large enough for a man to stand under. The frame was covered with green leaves and flowers interwoven and inside of it the man danced. The bystanders used to greatly enjoy seeing this pyramid of green and flowers prancing about on the green.

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"I'm doing the best I know how. Can you connect me with one, one, one, one?"

"No, I haven't; it's in the book. Maybe you specify it as eleven, eleven."

"Say, do you think this is a policy shop? What number are you calling?"

"I'm trying to tell you. See is you can give me one hundred, eleven, one."

"No, I can't," came the sharp reply. I have no time to wait. If you cannot be more explicit you had better send a telegram."

"Why do you have such nonsensical numbers in your old book if you can't understand them?" argued the caller.

"Here it is as plain as day—four ones in succession."

"Oh, you mean one, one, double one. Why didn't you say so? I'll connect you."

"Don't bother. I just wanted to discover how you called for that strange collection of figures. Good-bye."

Philadelphia Telegraph.

Stood There and Told It.


The Rev. Dr. S. D. McConnell, now of Brooklyn, but formerly of St. Stephen's, Philadelphia, who was a close second to the Rev. Dr. Mackay-Smith in the contest for coadjutor bishop, was, when a young man, a cavalryman and an all around athlete. After he entered the ministry a few young Philadelphians who often met him in a club were very much concerned about the attentions of one of their number to a certain lady. There was nothing improper in them, but the young man was so indiscreet that he threatened to bring about a very unpleasant crisis. His friends in the club determined to remonstrate with him. Dr. McConnell was selected as the spokesman of a committee of five to pay him a visit. He did so.

A few days afterward a friend of the young man called at St. Stephen's and asked Dr. McConnell if he did not think he had spoken a little too plainly. The clergyman jumped from his chair.

"Look here," he said, "if I had said the same thing to you, what would you have done?"

"I should have broken your jaw," answered the caller.

"Exactly," exclaimed Dr. McConnell, grasping his friend's hand, "that is what I hoped Blank would try to do. But he just stood there and took it."—Philadelphia Times.



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